

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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For: STORAGE CONTROL  
APPARATUS, STORAGE SYSTEM,  
CONTROL METHOD OF STORAGE  
CONTROL APPARATUS, CHANNEL  
CONTROL UNIT AND PROGRAM

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER  
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98**

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The enclosed references were recently cited in a Japan Patent Office (JPO) office action dated January 29, 2008 for JPO patent application 2002-273162.

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